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February 6, 1992

Frank Wicks
Vice President and General Manager
Barrick Mercur Gold Mine
P.O. Box 838
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RE: Reservation Canyon Tailings
Impoundment; Ground Water Quality
Discharge Permit Issuance Tentative
Schedule

Dear Mr. Wicks:

We are in receipt of your January 13, 1992 letter in which you submitted additional permit information and proposed a schedule for drafting and issuance of a ground water permit for the above referenced site. Although we would have liked to accommodate your aggressive schedule, our experience in these matters leads us to believe the following schedule is more realistic and attainable.

We propose to have a preliminary draft permit ready for your review by March 3, 1992. Provided you complete your review within two weeks we believe it would be possible to revise the proposed permit, go through the 30 day public comment period and issue the permit by May 8, 1992. We appreciate the willingness of your staff and consultants to work with us as it

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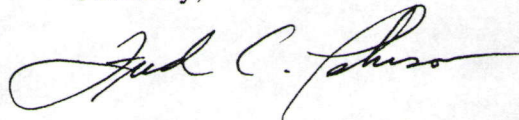
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allows us to accelerate this process. The continued cooperation of all involved will be necessary to achieve the schedule outlined above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred C. Pehrson".

Fred C. Pehrson, P.E., Manager
Permitting, Compliance & Monitoring Branch

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